GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SHALLOW TUBEWELL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not approved Shallow Tubewell project for low line areas (tal areas);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of irrigation facilities available at present for low line areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No

(b) & (c) 1. The Scheme "Million Shallow Tubewell Programme" was approvedin March, 2001 for the State of Bihar and is being implemented in North Bihar since March, 2002.

2. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of `On Farm Water Management for increasing Crop Production in EasternIndia` was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operation, Govt.of India, during March, 2002 for implementation in the ten eastern Indian States viz. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chattisgarhand Eastern Uttar Pradesh. The scheme is approved for being implemented during the X Five Year Plan period also. The Schemeis being implemented in these States, where the ground water is not low and remained un-exploited.

Subsidy to the extent of 30% of the average unit cost from Government of India is being given to the farmers of all categories for the components of the back ended credit linked scheme as follows:

q Assistance for construction of Shallow Tube Wells with pumping sets to individual/group of farmers.
q Assistance for community Lift Irrigation Points (LIP) to a group of farmers.
q Assistance for diesel/electric pump sets to individual farmers and
q Assistance for dug wells only in plateau regions

This scheme is being implemented in collaboration with NABARD.